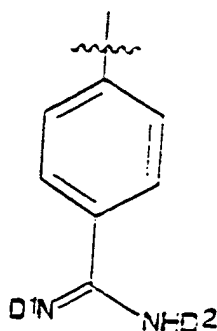
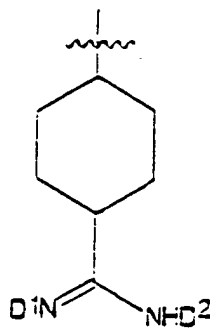


wherein B<sup>1</sup> represents a structural fragment of formula IVd or IVf



IVd



IVf

wherein D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> independently represent H, OH, OR<sup>a</sup>, OC(O)R<sup>b</sup>, OC(O)OR<sup>c</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>d</sup>, or C(O)R<sup>e</sup> and R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup> and R<sup>e</sup> independently represent phenyl, benzyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OC(O)CH<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl which latter group is optionally interrupted by oxygen;

R<sup>1</sup> represents H, C(O)R<sup>11</sup>, SiR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl which latter group is optionally substituted or terminated by one or more substituent selected from the group consisting of OR<sup>15</sup> and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>R<sup>16</sup>;

R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> independently represent H, phenyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;

$R^{16}$  represents  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, phenyl, OH,  $C(O)OR^{17}$  or  $C(O)N(H)R^{18}$ ;

$R^{18}$  represents H,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $CH_2C(O)OR^{19}$ ;

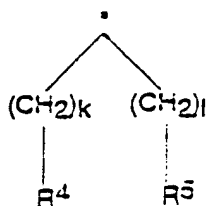
$R^{15}$  and  $R^{17}$  independently represent H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl or  $C_{7-9}$  alkylphenyl;

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{19}$  independently represent H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl; and

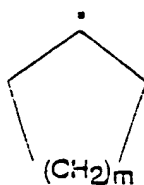
q represents 0, 1 or 2;

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are both hydrogen;

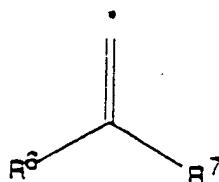
$R^x$  represents a structural fragment of formula IIa, IIb or IIc,



IIa



IIb



IIc

wherein

k, l and m independently represent 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently represent H,  $Si(Me)_3$ , 1- or 2-naphthyl, a polycyclic hydrocarbyl group,  $CHR^{41}R^{42}$  or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more fluorine atoms), or  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, phenyl, methylenedioxyphenyl, benzodioxanyl, benzofuranyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzimidazolyl, coumaranonyl, coumarinyl or dihydrocoumarinyl (which latter twelve groups are optionally substituted by one or more of  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl (which latter group is

optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, C(O)OH or N(H)R<sup>43</sup>);

R<sup>41</sup> and R<sup>42</sup> independently represent cyclohexyl or phenyl;

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> independently represent H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, phenyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more of C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, C(O)OH or N(H)R<sup>44</sup>) or together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl ring;

R<sup>43</sup> and R<sup>44</sup> independently represent H or C(O)R<sup>45</sup>; and

R<sup>45</sup> represents H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

Y represents (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CH=CH, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH or CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>, which latter three groups are optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, methylene, oxo or hydroxy;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, provided that D<sup>1</sup> and D<sup>2</sup> do not both represent H.